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SUPERINTENDENT'S DIRECTIVE 2000 H-1

To: All Employees, Southeast Utah Group

From: Superintendent, Southeast Utah Group

Subject: Cultural Site Information Disclosure Policy for the Southeast Utah Group

Both the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act mandate that Federal agencies only disclose site locations if no harm, theft, or destruction of cultural resources will result from disclosure. The pertinent sections of the acts are as follows:

The head of any Federal agency, after consultation with the Secretary, shall withhold from disclosure to the public, information relating to the location or character of historic resources whenever the head of the agency or the Secretary determines that the disclosure of such information may create a substantial risk of harm, theft, or destruction to such resources or to the area or place where such resources are located. *Section 304, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.*

Information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource for which the excavation or removal requires a permit or other permission under this Act or under any other provision of Federal law may not be made available to the public under subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 of the United States Code or under any other provision of law unless the Federal land manager concerned determined that such disclosure would--(1) further the purposes of this Act or the Act of June 17, 1960 (16 USC 469-469c), and (2) not create a risk of harm to such resources or to the site at which such resources are located. *Section 9, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.*

To comply with these mandates, this directive establishes four categories or classes of cultural sites based on their ability to withstand visitor impacts (due to the nature of the sites themselves, active physical protection, indirect protective mechanisms, and on visitors demands to access the sites). Southeast Utah Group (SEUG) employees may provide locational information only to Class I and II sites, i.e., sites which are regularly interpreted, stabilized, monitored, conserved, patrolled, or otherwise protected from visitor impacts or harm.

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DISCLOSURE CLASSES

Category I - Locations of Class I sites are readily disclosed to the public. Class I sites have a long history of tourist use, are marked on USGS topographic maps, are described in widely available guide books, are generally known to visitors, and are actively promoted as tourist destinations. Since Class I sites receive the greatest impacts from visitors, they receive the greatest physical protection and management intervention. Class I sites for disclosure are listed in this Superintendent's Directive.

Category II - Class II site locations may only be disclosed to the public when visitors request the information by site name, photograph or description, and the requested site is on the Class II Sites list in this Superintendent's Directive. Class II sites may be as well known to visitors as Class I sites, but they are either more fragile or vulnerable to visitor impacts than Class I sites or there are other concerns (such as the presence of endangered species or visitor safety hazards) which result in Class II sites being unable to withstand the number of visitors received by Class I sites.

When visitors receive locational information about Class II sites, they must also be instructed in how to behave when visiting the sites. For example, when visitors are told how to find a Class II rock art site, they are told not to touch the rock art or to leave any marks or graffiti on the site. At Class II structural sites, visitors are told not to lean or climb on walls, to leave artifacts in place, to stay on existing trails across the sites, etc.

Category III - Class III sites are vulnerable, fragile cultural resources. Class III site locations are withheld from the public to ensure site preservation and protection, as mandated in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA). Locational information about Class III sites is only given out to individuals holding current, valid ARPA permits. While visitors are not told where Class III sites are located, visitors are welcome to discover them on their own, based on park and NPS enabling legislation.

Category IV - Class IV sites are officially closed to all visitation. These sites represent the most culturally sensitive and fragile cultural resources in the park. Their locations are withheld from the public and staff to ensure their preservation and protection as mandated in NHPA, ARPA and in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

In summary, the adoption of this site disclosure management policy allows the park to balance demands of visitors to access cultural sites with mandates to preserve and protect significant cultural resources. To balance access with preservation, the site disclosure policy is directly linked to programs of direct and indirect site protection. A listing of Category I and II disclosure sites will be maintained at all park visitor information stations and within appropriate divisions.

CLASS I SITES

Arches National Park:

Wolfe Ranch
 Wolfe Ranch Ute Petroglyph Panel (42GR297)
 Moab or Courthouse Panel (42GR605)
 Custodian's Residence
 Entrance Road Arch, CCC Bridge
 Old Spanish Trail--Old Highway Cut
 Lower Courthouse Wash Dugway
 Ringhoffer Inscription on Tower Arch

Natural Bridges National Monument:

Kachina Bridge Ruin (42SA6801)
 Horse Collar North and South (42SA6819, 6820)
 Sipapu Trail Ruin (42SA16751)
 Zeke's Trail, Owachomo Bridge Trail

Canyonlands National Park:

Island-in-the-Sky District:

Aztec Butte Ruins (42SA414, 418)
 Fort Bottom Ruin and Cabin (42SA78, 1664)
 Murphy Trail and Bridge
 Murphy Road Corral
 Upheaval Bottom Cabin
 Neck Spring Trail Corral
 Grays Pasture Corral
 Potato Bottom Corral
 Hardscrabble Corral
 Monument Basin Corral

Needles District:

SOB Hill Rock Art (42SA1448, 450)
 Tower Ruin (42SA1470)
 Peek-a-Boo Rock Art (42SA1506)
 Roadside Ruin (42SA1511)
 Big Ruin (42SA1586)
 Four Faces (42SA1628)
 Thirteen Faces (42SA1652)
 Cave Springs Cowboy Camp
 Cave Springs Rock Art
 Entry Corral
 Chesler Park Cowboy Line Camp
 Free-standing Ruin in Salt Creek (42SA1628)
 Kirks Cabin Complex
 Lockhart Canyon Cabin and Cellar

CLASS I SITES (Continued)

Canyonlands National Park:

Maze District:

High Gallery (42WN375)
 Horseshoe Shelter (42WN374)
 Great Gallery (42WN418)
 Harvest Scene (42WN665)
 Cedar Bark Ruin (42GA3860)
 Bear Site Pictographs (42GA1934)
 Doll's House Granaries (42GA1057)
 Doll House Trail
 Horseshoe Canyon Trough and Pipeline

Green River:

D. Julien Inscription below Hell Roaring Canyon
 Fort Bottom Cabin and Ruin (42SA1663)
 Anderson Bottom Cabin Complex
 Anderson Bottom Petroglyphs (42WN1956)
 Valentine Bottom Ruins (42WN720, 724)
 Turk's Head Structures (42WN727, 728)
 Jasper Canyon Structures (42WN663)
 Water Canyon Structures (42WN4)

Colorado River:

Coffee Pot Granary (42SA976)
 Lathrop Canyon Ruins, Rock Art (42WN974)
 Indian Creek Granaries (42SA4977)
 Monument Canyon Granary (42SA4979)
 Steamer Major Powell Inscription
 Hell to Pay Inscription
 D.C.C.&P. Inscription
 D. Julien Inscription in Lower Red Lake Canyon
 Best Inscription
 Nevill Inscription
 Kolb "Cat Camp" Inscription

CLASS II SITES

Arches:

D. Julien Inscription
Dark Angel Rock Art Site (42GR539)
Lower Courthouse Wash Rock Art Site (42GR2398)

Natural Bridges National Monument:

Bare Ladder Ruin (42SA6965)

Canyonlands:

Island-in-the-Sky District:

Wilhite Trail Sites (42Sa11671)
False Kiva Site (42SA1680)
White Rim Road Granaries (42SA12)

Needles District:

All American Man (42SA1614)
Nine Faces (42SA48,1486)
Paul Bunyon's Potty (42SA1374)
White Wash Ruin (42SA1491)
Bighorn Sheep Ruin (42SA1563)
Picto-Petro Man (42SA1638)
Five Faces (42SA7736)
Flying Rug Site (42SA1692)

Maze District:

Under Evaluation

River:

Under Evaluation